

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electric distribution block, comprising:
a block body, integrally formed with a connector mounting portion which has a cavity therein, the connector mounting portion including a female housing defining said cavity; and
a bus bar, integrally formed with a terminal portion,
wherein a slit is formed in the connector mounting portion; ~~and~~
wherein the terminal portion is inserted into the connector mounting portion by passing the terminal portion through the slit so as to be received in said cavity,
wherein the female housing has a face opposed to an insertion direction of the terminal portion into the cavity and
wherein the slit is formed on the face of the female housing.

Claim 2 (original): The electric distribution block as set forth in claim 1, wherein the connector mounting portion has a first wall and a second wall which is connected to the first wall through an edge of the first wall;
wherein the slit includes a first slit formed in the first wall and a second slit formed in the second wall; and

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wherein the first slit and the second slit are connected each other at the edge.

Claim 3 (original): The electric distribution block as set forth in claim 2, wherein the connector mounting portion has an open portion exposing the cavity; and

wherein a closed end of the second slit is disposed in spaced relation to an open end of the open portion.

Claim 4 (original): The electric distribution block as set forth in claim 1, wherein the bus bar has a plurality of terminals extending in a direction perpendicular to an extending direction of the terminal portion; and

wherein the block body includes a bus bar mounting portion for connecting the plurality of terminals.

Claim 5 (original): The electric distribution block as set forth in claim 2, wherein the first slit extends in a first direction; and

wherein the second slit extends in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction.

Claim 6 (original): The electric distribution block as set forth in claim 4, wherein the connector mounting portion has a first wall and a second wall which is connected to the first wall through an edge of the first wall;

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wherein the slit includes a first slit formed in the first wall and a second slit which formed in the second wall;

wherein the first slit and the second slit and the second slit are connected each other at the edge;

wherein the bus bar mounting portion is provided on a forming face of the block body;
and

wherein the forming face is parallel with the second wall and is perpendicular to the first face.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method of assembling a bus bar on an electric distribution block comprising, the steps of:

providing a bus bar integrally formed with a terminal portion, the bus bar having a plurality of terminals extending in a direction perpendicular to an extending direction of the terminal portion;

providing a block body having a bus bar mounting portion and integrally formed with a connector mounting portion having a cavity therein, the connector mounting portion having a first wall and a second wall which is connected to the first wall through an edge of the first wall, a first slit being formed in the first wall, a second slit being formed in the second wall, and the first slit and the second slit being connected each other at the edge;

inserting the terminal portion of the bus bar into the cavity of the connector mounting portion by passing the terminal portion through the second slit; and

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inserting the plurality of terminals into the bus bar mounting portion.

Claim 8 (original): The method as set forth in claim 7, wherein the bus bar mounting portion is provided on a forming face of the block body, the forming face being parallel with the second wall, and being perpendicular to the first face; and

wherein the terminal portion and the plurality of terminals of the bus bar is inserted along an extending direction of the first slit.